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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA RIGHT TO OFFER SEAMEN'S DISCOUNT

1. TWA SALES MANAGER FOR SCANDINAVIA, L. BLOMBERG, HAS ASKED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING APPROVAL OF SCANDINAVIAN GOVERNMENTS FOR TWA TO OFFER SWEDISH, DANISH, AND NORWEGIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN, TRAVELING INDIVIDUALLY, SAME 25 PERCENT FARE DISCOUNT ON FLIGHTS BETWEEN US AND SCANDINAVIA THAT SAS OFFERS. SAS DISCOUNT HAS APPROVAL OF THE THREE GOVERNMENTS AND IS APPARENTLY OFFERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH IATA AGREEMENT.

2. BLOMBERG CLAIMS THAT US CAB AUTHORIZED TWA TO OFFER THIS SPECIAL FARE OVER A YEAR AGO. ALTHOUGH TWA DOES NOT FLY INTO SCANDINAVIA, IT HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SOUGHT TO OFFER SEAMEN'S DISCOUNT ON THAT PORTION OF SCANDINAVIA/US TRIP THAT IT CAN CARRY, PARTICULARLY LONDON/US. HOWEVER, SEVERAL NORWEGIAN TRAVEL AGENTS HAVE ADVISED TWA THAT, ACCORDING TO SAS, TWA WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO OFFER DISCOUNT. AN SAS OFFICIAL IN STOCKHOLM CONFIRMED TO BLOMBERG THAT IN SAS OPINION CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARDS OF SWEDEN, NORWAY, AND DENMARK HAD NOT APPROVED TWA AS PARTY TO THE DISCOUNT. SAS OFFICIAL KNEW OF NO EXCEPTIONS TO BASIC RULE THAT ONLY AIRLINES UNCLASSIFIED

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OPERATING INTO SCANDINAVIA WERE ALLOWED TO EQUAL THE NATIONAL CARRIER'S REDUCED FARE.

3. EMBOFF'S INQUIRY TO SWEDISH CAB BROUGHT SIMILAR RESPONSE:

TWA IS NOT ENTITLED TO OFFER DISCOUNT BY VIRTUE OF FACT THAT IT DOES NOT FLY INTO SCANDINAVIA.

4. SUMMARY TABLE IN IATA DOCUMENT, HOWEVER, SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS TWA AS ONE OF AIRLINES THAT SEAMEN MAY USE UNDER DISCOUNT SCHEME (AIR TARIFF BOOK 4A (TRANSATLANTIC), PAGE Z925).

5. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE CONCERNING CORRECTNESS OF TWA'S POSITION. WE WOULD FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE CLARIFICATION OF FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) DOES US CAB CURRENTLY APPROVE TWA PARTICIPATION IN SEAMEN'S DISCOUNT BETWEEN US AND SCANDINAVIA? (B) IS THERE ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE IATA TABLE AND IATA REGULATIONS? DO IATA REGULATIONS LIMIT PARTICIPATION TO CARRIERS ACTUALLY FLYING INTO SCANDINAVIA? (C) TO IATA REGULATIONS PERMIT PARTICIPATION OF AIRLINES CARRYING SEAMEN OVER A PORTION OF A DIRECT JOURNEY BETWEEN SCANDINAVIA AND THE US? IF SO, DOES DISCOUNT APPLY OVER WHOLE JOURNEY OR ONLY OVER THAT SEGMENT THAT BEGINS OR ENDS IN SCANDINAVIA? (D) DO IATA REGULATIONS PERMIT PARTICIPATION OF TWA ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS DESIGNATED CARRIER UNDER BILATERAL US/SWEDEN/DENMARK/NORWAY CIVIL AIR AGREEMENTS EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT CURRENTLY BE EXERCISING THOSE RIGHTS?
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